

1 AN ACT relating to mobile crisis services, making an appropriation therefor, and  
2 declaring an emergency.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO  
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Cabinet" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;

8 (b) "CMHC" means a Community Mental Health Center;

9 (c) "Fund" means the mobile crisis services fund; and

10 (d) "Mobile unit" means any vehicle by which a CMHC uses to travel within its  
11 region to provide community services for Kentuckians who experience  
12 issues with mental health, developmental and intellectual disabilities, and  
13 substance use disorder.

14 (2) (a) The mobile crisis services fund is hereby established within the cabinet to  
15 provide loans to CMHCs for:

16 1. Increasing access to mental health services; and

17 2. Providing services to individuals who lack sufficient access to  
18 transportation and who are:

19 a. Residing in rural areas;

20 b. Residing in homeless shelters; or

21 c. Disadvantaged mentally, physically, or economically.

22 (b) Any loan issued by the cabinet shall not exceed a five (5) year term and the  
23 interest rate shall not exceed one percent (1%).

24 (3) The cabinet shall:

25 (a) Determine the terms and conditions of each loan, including the repayment  
26 to be deposited back in the fund for issuance of future loans to other  
27 CMHCs;

- 1        (b) Review and adjudicate applications submitted by CMHCs that apply for a  
2            loan;
- 3        (c) Monitor the performance of each CMHC in the program; and
- 4        (d) By December 1, 2022, and by each December 1 thereafter, report to the  
5            Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services  
6            information about each CMHC in the program, including:
- 7            1. The name and location of each CMHC that received a loan;  
8            2. The amount of principal originally loaned; and  
9            3. How each CMHC used the funds.
- 10      (4) In order to apply for loan, a CMHC shall:
- 11            (a) Submit an application to the cabinet;
- 12            (b) Agree to use the funds for the purchase, operation, or establishment of  
13            mobile units; and
- 14            (c) Agree to provide services to individuals who lack sufficient access to  
15            transportation and who are:
- 16            1. Residing in rural areas;  
17            2. Residing in homeless shelters; or  
18            3. Disadvantaged mentally, physically, or economically.
- 19      (5) (a) The fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be a trust and agency  
20            account.
- 21            (b) The fund shall be administered by the cabinet.
- 22            (c) The fund shall include moneys appropriated by the General Assembly,  
23            contributions, donations, gifts, or federal funds.
- 24            (d) Moneys in the fund shall be used by the cabinet to administer this section.
- 25            (e) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys remaining in the fund at the  
26            close of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the  
27            succeeding fiscal year.

1        **(f) Interest earned on any moneys in the fund shall accrue to the fund.**

2        **(g) Moneys deposited in the fund are hereby appropriated for the sole purpose**  
3                **of providing loans to CMHCs.**

4        **(6) The Cabinet for Health and Family Service may promulgate administrative**  
5                **regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to implement this section.**

6                ➔Section 2. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
7        \$2,800,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 and \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the  
8        mobile crisis services fund.

9                ➔Section 3. Whereas the General Assembly desires to ensure that citizens of the  
10        Commonwealth have access to quality and reliable healthcare services, an emergency is  
11        declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor  
12        or upon its otherwise becoming a law.